

A SAFETY UPDATE...

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Low Cost Local Road Safety Solutions

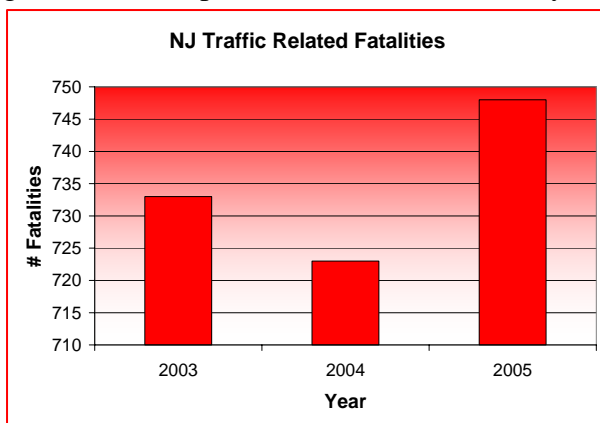
A new joint publication released by NACE and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) titled, “*Low Cost Local Road Safety Solutions*,” was made available to NACE members April 9-13 during the 2006 NACE Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. The 39-page booklet contains 16 examples of numerous low-cost solutions that address roadway safety issues such as signs and pavement marking improvements, rumble strips, longitudinal channelizers and roadside cable barriers. The concise studies were compiled by the Texas Transportation Institute. The booklet also contains a section titled, “How Can I Conduct a Crash Study,” as well as a list of current resources on the overall topic.



To view visit: <http://www.atssa.com/galleries/default-file/LowCostLocalRoads.pdf> or NACE members may obtain a free copy of the full-color publication by contacting Trish Hall by e-mail at TrishH@atssa.com with “NACE/ATSSA BOOK” in the subject line.

NJ Safety Snapshot

Fatalities on NJ’s roadways are on the rise!
Year to date traffic related fatalities for 2006 are 12% higher when compared to the same time last year.



Source: NHTSA Fatal Analysis Reporting System

CHALLENGE:
WHAT ARE YOU PERSONALLY GOING TO DO TO CHANGE THIS TREND?

Let us know how we can help!

MUTCD News

For many years, some engineers have had concerns that drivers turning left on a permissive circular green signal indication might inadvertently mistake that indication as implying the left turn has the right of way over opposing traffic, especially under some geometric conditions.

FHWA has issued an Interim Approval for the optional use of a flashing yellow arrow signal indication as the signal display for left-turn movements during permissive turn intervals at signalized locations.

For additional information, visit
<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>

Sign Retroreflectivity: Supplemental Notice of Proposed Amendment (SNPA)

The latest proposed rulemaking on minimum maintained Retroreflectivity was published in the Federal Register on May 8, 2006, where the FHWA proposes the following key changes to the MUTCD:

- (1) Add a STANDARD statement to Section 2A.09 that reads, "Public agencies or officials having jurisdiction shall use an assessment or management method to maintain traffic sign retroreflectivity at or above the minimum levels established in the guidance below."
- (2) Include the table of minimum retroreflectivity levels in the MUTCD.

View the SNPA in its entirety and learn how to provide comments to FHWA at:

<http://frwebgate5.access.gpo.gov/cgiin/waisgate.cgi?WAISdocID=25223153105+0+0+0&WASAction=retrieve>

Safe Routes to School

SAFETEA-LU established a Safe Routes to School Program funded at \$612 million over 5 years. The purpose of the program is to enable and encourage primary and secondary school children to safely walk and bicycle to school. The program establishes two distinct types of funding opportunities: infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure related activities such as education, enforcement and encouragement programs. In addition, the program provides funding for a National Safe Routes to School Clearinghouse.



The National Safe Routes to School Clearinghouse is a centralized resource of information on successful Safe Routes to School (SRTS) programs and strategies. Users of this site will find information on how to start and sustain a Safe Routes to School program, case studies of successful programs as well as many other resources for training and technical assistance. Visit the website at <http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>.

Country Roads, Take Me Home ---- SAFELY

A forum to improve safety on 2-lane rural roads

Hosted by the FHWA Mid-Atlantic Safety Team and WV LTAP

Save the Date

Wednesday, September 6 &
Thursday, September 7
Martinsburg, WV,
Holiday Inn

Topics will include:
Low cost safety improvements
Roadside design
Road safety assessments
Crash data
Maintenance for safety
Innovative technologies

*More information will be available in the coming months.
Contact the WV LTAP at 304-293-3031 x 2612 or your local FHWA Safety
Engineer for more information.*

Roundabouts

Do you need to promote
roundabouts in your
community?

A two-minute video entitled "How roundabouts work" is provided by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety at <http://www.iihs.org/research/topics/roundabouts.html>.

This would be a great
resource for public
meetings.

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